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REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009

The Wethersfield Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Present: Councilors Cascio, Console, Forrest, Kotkin, Roberts, Walsh, Deputy Mayor Montinieri, and Chairperson Adil.

Absent: Councilor Hemmann

Also present: Jeff Bridges, Town Manager Michael Turner, Director of Public Works, Tony Martino, Analyst, and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

Chairperson Adil led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

TOWN HALL LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE PROCLAMATION AND DEDICATION

Chairperson Adil said that the Town Hall/Library will be dedicated tonight. He read a proclamation honoring the Town Hall/Library Building Committee (Joseph Coombs, Chairperson; Timothy Tuell, Vice Chairperson; Raymond Grasso; Richard Lepore; Luke McEntire; Carmen Pace; Stuart Temple, Clerk; Louis DelMastro, posthumously; and Deputy Mayor Paul Montinieri, Town Council liaison. Members Joseph Coombs, Raymond Grasso, Mike Turner, and Tony Martino were present.

Joe Coombs, Chairperson of the Town Hall/Library Building Committee, said that ten years is a long time for a construction project. He said that the hardest part of the renovation was the red tape associated with the new communication system. It is already being updated according to Federal guidelines. He said that he appreciated the Town Council's support and that of Town Staff. He said that it was a pleasure to serve on the Committee. He said that Mike Turner and Tony Martino are great assets to the Town and he hopes the community recognizes all of their work. He said that Lou DelMastro was a long-time, dedicated member of the Building Committee. He felt it was appropriate to honor him by including his name on the plaque.

Raymond Grasso said that he was an original member of the Committee. He said that he never thought it would be a ten year commitment. He said that he was proud to be a part of it and see the results of the Committee's efforts.

Mike Turner, Director of Public Works, thanked the Committee members for their tireless work and the Town Council for its support.

Tony Martino, Operations Analyst, said the Committee worked so hard and volunteered their time and should be commended for their efforts.

Chairperson Adil said that the plaque will hang in the vestibule in Town Hall.

WHITE CANE DAY PROCLAMATION

Chairperson Adil said that no one was able to attend the meeting tonight. This Proclamation will be presented in November.

HEARINGS

RESOLUTION – TOWN HALL PARKING LOT FENCE

Chairperson Adil said that he met with the Town Manager and after a review town staff has decided a fence is not necessary and will look at a comprehensive plan to address the traffic concerns.

Margaret Conneely, 12 Fairmont Street, said that she is happy to hear that the plans for the fence are on hold. She said that she had heard about the fence originally through the grapevine. 108 residents signed a petition and 228 people joined a facebook group opposed to the fence. The issue made statewide news. She said that there are so many reasons to oppose this fence. She said that she is also concerned with the placement of the dumpster. People will have to step off the sidewalk in order to walk to the Library from the middle school. It is not handicap or senior citizen friendly. She said that Councilor Console was instrumental in helping the residents. He, along with Councilor Cascio and Hemmann drafted this resolution. She also thanked the Silas Deane Middle School Parent Action Committee for their help in fighting against the fence. She said that she appreciated the entire Council listening to the residents.

Gina DeAngelo, 16 Dennison Ridge, thanked Mr. Console for this resolution. She said what kind of a message does a fence give to students – keep out. She thanked the Town Council for rethinking this issue.

Paul Copp, 100 Executive Square, said that he is the Chairperson of the Independence Committee and is running for Town Council. He said that the Town Council mismanaged the purchase of the farm and the renovations to the Town Hall/Library. He said that these are drastic times and Towns are in peril of bankruptcy. He said that there are many factors for a perfect storm. It is not the time to purchase a fence. The safety of the children is also an issue. The Town should have checked with the Police in the first place and a lot of time and money could have been saved.

Ballou Tooker, 65 Harmond Place, said the Town Council should get rid of the idea of a fence. Drop off and pick up at all of the schools is an on-going issue. He said that the parking lot should have another exit to let the cars have better follow in and out. It would improve the flow of traffic.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road, said that he agrees with the other speakers, especially regarding spending \$26,000. The Town Council has no concern for the economy when it is spending on unnecessary things. The Town is committed to open space and then puts up a fence. It doesn't make sense.

John Miller, 45 Highland Street, thanked the Mayor for his service to the Town. The Silas Deane Middle School and Town Hall have to function as one unit. A fence is not a good option. He commended the neighbors for their efforts. The Town needs a stronger two party system. It is the only time when citizens are listened to. The entire parking lot plan needs to be reviewed. The grade for the entrance ramp is not suitable and there will be 20 percent less spaces when the lot is completed.

Barbara Ruhe, 79 Main Street, said that she hopes the Town Council will amend the motion to stop construction of the fence. It just doesn't make sense. She said that it is interesting how the tone of the Council has changed since the last meeting. She said that residents got their message through because in 15 days there will be an election. The majority tried to shut out the minority.

No one else wished to speak for or against the resolution. Chairperson Adil declared the hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Keane, 126 Broad Street, Chairperson of the Keane Foundation, thanked everyone in the community assisting with the Cove Carnival. She thanked the Town Council, Park and Recreation, Police, Fire, Mark Trehan from the Keane Foundation, Keane Foundation Board, her family, and the Wethersfield High School volunteers. There were no incidences all weekend.

Harry Lichtenbaum, 16 Towne House Lane, said that he has heard that former Deputy Mayor Richard Sparveri has taken ill. He asked that Councilors send him an encouraging note.

Gus Colantonio, 16 Morrison Avenue, said that he comes to the meetings every month and doesn't know where to go now. The Town, 20 years ago, said that sidewalks should be reconstructed on Morrison Avenue. Now it has just repaired 23 slabs and it still doesn't meet the standards for a street. He asked why the Town just patches it up and doesn't fix the problem. He said that a street poll is missing the light and it should be replaced.

John Miller, 45 Highland Street, said that at the last meeting distinguished members of the community were happy to have the Town buy contaminated land. He said that residents can disagree on whether or not to buy contaminated land but it should buy it cheaper. This amount far exceeds the value of the contaminated land. The Town is going to have to pay \$300,000 up front in budgets for years out.

Penny Stanziale, 15 Harold Street, thanked Councilor Cascio and Chairperson Adil for serving on the Town Council. She appreciated their years of service.

Tristan Stanziale, 15 Harold Street, thanked the Mayor and Councilor Cascio for their service and wished them luck in the future.

Shirley Steinmetz, 375 Brimfield Road, thanked all of the Town Councilors for their dedication to the community for the past two years. There have been many accomplishments made. She wished Chairperson Adil well and said that she hopes this is just a sabbatical. She thanked Councilor Cascio for his ten years on the Board of Education and ten years on the Town Council.

Stacey Hodges, 612 Highland Street, said that it has been a great two years. She thanked Councilor Cascio and Chairperson Adil for their service to the Town. She said that she has superb news to share with the Town regarding the district wide test scores. She reviewed the increases in the scores across Town on the CMT's, CAPT and SAT's. She said that this success could not have been achieved without the collaborative efforts of the Town Council and Board of Education.

Michael Zaleski, 23 Black Birch, said that he is a candidate for Town Council. He thanked the Mayor and Councilor Cascio for their service to the Town. He said that he enjoyed the carnival and hoped that it could be an annual event in Town. He said that on Sunday he was one of 65 runners who took part in the Mikey's Place 5K in the wind and rain. It is another example of the great atmosphere in Town.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road, said that it would be nice to have a road in back of the parking lot to connect the Town Hall and the Silas Deane Middle School. He said that the fence is a bad idea. The Town hasn't closed on the farm property because of problems. He asked why the Town is buying contaminated property for top dollar. The Town should get another appraisal and renegotiate the purchase price. He said that as the Town celebrates its 375th anniversary the electorate can vote for a full slate of candidates. This is the rare opportunity with the Independence Party to have the public heard. The Town should have referendums on the budget. The Town Council continues to spend in this economic down turn. The Town needs people on the Town Council who will keep the spending down. Money is tight.

Joe Soja, 30 Hedgerow, thanked all the Town Councilors for their service to the Town. It is a tough job with long nights. He welcomed the Town Manager to Town. He is already impressed with him. He said that the Town is fortunate to have volunteers to serve the Town.

Barbara Ruhe, 79 Main Street, commended the speakers at the meeting. She said that citizens have to be vigilant to see what scheme the Town Council is up to next. She said that she was surprised to see the plaque dedicating the building when the renovations have not yet been completed. It appears that recognition of the Town Council is important but citizens are not

recognized. She questioned whether or not the test scores were really up. With all of the additional money spent on education over the last two years, they should be. She said that a lot of people are running on November 3rd. She reminded the Town Councilors that they work for the residents. Residents need to be listened to.

COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilor Kotkin said that the Insurance Committee met and continues to watch the employee health insurance. It continues to remain good. There was a presentation by CIRMA, the Town's insurance provider, at the meeting. CIRMA brought recommendations to monitor and avoid claims better. He said that the Committee will look to the Town Manager to implement some of the recommendations.

Councilor Forrest said that the Energy Committee met and reviewed hydro-generation. There may be zoning hurdles to overcome. Town staff is looking into it. Someone will come to the next meeting to discuss control measures for heating and air conditioning systems in Town buildings. He said that the Energy Committee met with the Budget and Finance Committee to discuss the Energy Master Plan. It would be a good idea to have the Town Council and Energy Committee meet and discuss the Plan.

Councilor Walsh thanked the Keane Foundation for sponsoring the Coveside Carnival as part of the 375th anniversary celebration. He hoped that it could be done again next year, along with the fireworks. He thanked Councilor Cascio for his work on the Town Council and wished him luck with his election. He thanked the Mayor for his service to the Town. He said that a lot of times goes into being Mayor. The Town is fortunate to have so many people volunteers.

Councilor Cascio read a letter from Tom and Holly Landers opposing the fence between Town Hall and the Silas Deane Middle School. He said that he had the opportunity to go to a football game and it is a great thing to do. Wethersfield High School has a great team, fantastic band and cheerleaders and dance team. The cheerleaders and dance team sponsored a breast cancer awareness campaign and collected \$500 at the game. They also took part in a 5K race in Hartford in the pouring rain. He said that he is proud of the kids in Town. He said that on Thursday he will be locked up for the Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraiser. He needs to raise \$2,400 to be released. He said that he is proud to have served the community on the Town Council for the past 10 years.

Councilor Console said that no thanks were needed for his help with the fence. He ran for the Town Council to do the right thing. He said that he will continue to fight the cause. He thanked the Keane Foundation for allowing him to volunteer at the carnival. It was a great event. He read Councilor Hemmann's letter into the record "I have asked one of my fellow councilors to read this statement, as I am away this week on business and due to constraints in our rules and procedure guidelines I am not able to read it by phone. I serve the town because I believe it helps. I learn from the public at each meeting, and that

is a good thing. Regarding the last meeting, I would like to thank Councilor Forrest. He has a way of trying to take what I say and mix it up. Actually, that is helpful, because it keeps me on my toes, although I realize the purpose is to confuse anyone listening. It does however, sometimes steer me in a different direction, and that happened at the last meeting. I applaud Councilor Console for the intent of his resolution, to protect the town. This resulted in some good discussion at the meeting, as well as some discussion with the town manager, who agreed with my thoughts. It did cause me to do a bit of research as well. One misconception that should be cleared up was stated at the last meeting. Simply prioritizing a listing of parcels considered for purchase does not protect the town. Let me help you to understand what the Conservation Commission's duties are, which come from the Charter. They are to research utilization and possible utilization of land areas of the town. They coordinate activities, keep an eye on open areas, public and private, etc. for purpose of obtaining info on proper use of areas and may recommend to planning and zoning, plans and programs for development of such areas which could include acquisition & conservation easements. They are subject to approval by Council. They may receive gifts and acquire land in the name of the town for any of its purposes set forth in CGS 7-131a. After Councilor Forrest's comments, he agreed that the request for guidelines was something that the commission could do later stated that it would not be the right place. That conversation sent me down a different path. The Town Manager and I had some brief discussion about creating guidelines to ensure consistency so that proper steps were outlined for all aspects of things like a purchase of open space. This would ensure consistency, as councils change every two years and commissions have an appointment end date. Some of the questions I posed to the Town manager were related to the meeting discussion were: what is required of committees/commissions? When to you bring in a third party? Should the town be at the table for negotiations? Operational or process guidelines are the correct approach to what will protect the town and can be applied to multiple areas. It is an administrative task that belongs with the Town manager, not the council. So, thank you Councilor Console for trying to do the right thing, and thank you Councilor Forrest for sending me down the right path- the one to protect the town."

Councilor Kotkin thanked Councilor Cascio for his years of service to the Town. He said that there is no one more dedicated. He thanked the Mayor for his work and said that people don't realize the number of hours he puts in. He has a great dedication to the Town. He also thanked the Budget and Finance Committee for its work. A lot has been accomplished in the past two years with great cooperation by both parties.

Councilor Forrest said that he has to comment on what some residents spoke about earlier in the meeting. No one wants to purchase contaminated property that is why the Town is waiting on the purchase. He thanked Councilor Cascio and Chairperson Adil for their great service to the Town.

Councilor Roberts echoed the comments of the other Councilors about Councilor Cascio and Chairperson Adil's dedication to the Town. They have done a lot behind the scenes. She said the Councilor Cascio knows everything that is going on in Town and she is glad that he is going to continue serving the Town.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri thanked the Chairperson of the Board of Education for coming tonight. He said that there is a premium on bipartisan work. There have been so many unanimous votes made by this Council. He said that the collaborative spirit is in part of Councilor Cascio's work. He said that he has already commended the Mayor on all of his work at the Mayors Hours television show. He thanked all of his colleagues for their work.

Chairperson Adil said that:

- The Coveside Carnival and fireworks were great events and he hopes that they will be continued.
- The Library will celebrate Edgar Allen Poe's birthday with a program at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th.
- The American Red Cross will have a blood drive on Thursday, October 22nd at the Community Center.
- The Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip on Saturday, October 24th.
- The Town Clerk's office is issuing absentee ballots for the November 3rd election.

Dolores Sassano, Town Clerk, said that the Town Clerk's office will be open Saturday, October 31st from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for absentee ballots.

Chairperson Adil said that:

- Global Companies is making a donation of 1,500 gallons of heating oil to Town residents in need.
- He was honored by the Town Councilor and residents' kind words. He thanked Councilor Cascio for the eight years they have worked together. He said that they worked closely on many issues. There have been a lot of achievements.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that a personnel item is included in the handout given to Councilors. He also mentioned an extension of the Old Wethersfield Master Plan. He said that the goal is to establish a community outreach process in Old Wethersfield and to attract and retain appropriate small businesses within the village center. It will be a formalized outreach process that can be used for future discussions. The Redevelopment Committee has been working with Town staff and has solicited a proposal for the program from United Connecticut Action for Neighborhoods.

COUNCIL ACTION

Deputy Mayor Montinieri moved **"TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL R. CARRAGHER FROM THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION"** seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Chairperson Adil asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Carragher.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri moved **"TO APPOINT JOHN O'LEARY TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR A TERM FROM 10-15-09 TO 6-30-12"** seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Cascio moved **“TO APPOINT JOSEPH BRUNO TO THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM FROM 10-15-09 TO 6-30-12”** seconded by Councilor Console.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Console moved **“BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE THAT THE INSTALLATION OF THE FENCE AND GATE PROPOSED TO BE ERECTED BETWEEN THE TOWN HALL/LIBRARY COMPLEX AND THE SILAS DEANE MIDDLE SCHOOL BE POSTPONED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN NINETY (90) DAYS IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE RECEIPT OF COMMENTS FROM AND CONSULTATION WITH THE WETHERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE WETHERSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PARENTS OF STUDENTS AT THE SILAS DEANE MIDDLE SCHOOL, USERS OF THE WETHERSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS AND TO FURTHER CONSIDER OF THE NEEDS FOR AND THE RAMIFICATIONS OF SUCH FENCE AND GATE”** seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Councilor Console moved **“TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REMOVE BE POSTPONED TO THE END OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION AND TO ADD ‘TO CANCEL THE CONSTRUCTION’”** seconded by Councilor Cascio.

**AMENDED RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED FENCE BETWEEN TOWN HALL/LIBRARY
AND THE SILAS DEANE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

~~BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, on behalf of the Town of Wethersfield, does hereby resolve (to cancel the construction of the) that the installation of the fence and gate proposed to be erected between the Town Hall/Library complex and the Silas Deane Middle School be postponed for a period of not less than ninety (90) days in order to allow for the receipt of comments from and consultation with the Wethersfield Police Department, the Wethersfield Fire Department, the Board of Education, parents of students at the Silas Deane Middle School, users of the Wethersfield Public Library, and the affected residents and to further consider of the needs for and the ramifications of such fence and gate.~~

Councilor Walsh thanked the residents who spoke out about their concerns. The Town Hall traffic has been a concern. The staff didn't connect that it would create added traffic on Fairmont Street and Church Place. He said that a lot more parents drive their children to and from school. The issue needs to be addressed. The issue needs to be looked at again as a broader issue.

Councilor Roberts said that it is close to an election and the fence got caught up in the politics of the election. She said the way good government works, the Town Council sees the mistake it has made and corrects it. She said that she hopes that residents don't disappear from the scene.

There are other issues that need broad input. She hopes people stay involved.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri said that he appreciates the residents who spoke at the meetings. He said that the bi-partisan spirit is great. Everyone is in agreement on the issue. The Town still has a logistical issue to deal with. He said that he hopes the Town can look for solutions that will work to address safety and access. The Board of Education needs to continue to address parking issues at all of the schools. He commended Councilor Console for preparing this resolution.

Councilor Kotkin said that Shared Services has looked at this issue a number of times for over a year.

Chairperson Adil said that he hopes the Town Council will look at a comprehensive solution for this issue.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAPITAL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BUILDING PERMIT SOFTWARE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$25,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE DATA SERVICES DEPARTMENT”** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that CRCOG is working on a regional on-line software system to apply and monitor building permits. The Town will get 50 percent of the project funded through CRCOG as a startup Town. There are future rollouts for other departments. There will be an annual maintenance fee to pay in next year's budget. The program will be rolled out in the spring. It is an exciting prospect for the Town. The Town currently uses a paper process.

Councilor Kotkin said that this is a great idea and will make the Town more business friendly. It will quicken the process for contractors. He thanked the Town staff for putting Wethersfield in the forefront.

Chairperson Adil said that this will provide a more streamline process.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Forrest moved **“TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A \$99,651 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK**

GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT WITH INPUT FROM STAFF AND THE CITIZENS ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE” seconded by Deputy Mayor Montinieri.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that this is a stimulus package for energy projects. Town staff is proposing using the funds for window projects at the Community Center and Physical Services. There are other projects that are needed and can be looked at as more stimulus funds become available.

Councilor Kotkin asked, if the motion doesn't mention specific buildings, is the Town locked into appropriating the money to these specific project.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that the grant has some specificity to it. The project has to be a window replacement project. It does not lock the Town into a specific building.

Councilor Kotkin said that he is not sure that the buildings chosen would have been his choice. He would like to move this motion for the grant but is not sure if these are the windows that should be replaced with these funds.

Councilor Forrest encouraged a conversation with the Energy Committee before committing to a specific window project.

Councilor Roberts said that she opposes the projects selected by Town staff. Webb Elementary School's windows should be replaced. Six classes have severe window issues.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that the input from the Board of Education should be received before a decision is made.

Councilor Roberts said that the Town has a history of completing 90 percent of a project. The Webb Elementary School is one example.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri said that he doesn't want to see the Town lose the grant. He asked if different window projects could be listed and if a report from the Board of Education could be received before the grant deadline.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that the projects could be selected through the Infrastructure Committee or Shared Services. The Board of Education input should also be heard.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri said that the Energy Committee and CIP should have a list of projects to do as money is available.

Councilor Forrest said that there is data to consider this is in the forefront of the Energy Committee. The Committee is looking for a reduction in energy costs.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that it would be helpful to Town staff to have a list of priority projects.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri moved **“TO SELECT THE TOWNS OF HARTFORD, EAST HARTFORD, WINDSOR LOCKS, CANTON, AND BARKHAMSTED AS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CRRA FUTURE OPTIONS STUDY COMMITTEE”** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that CRRA solicited a ballot for member towns for a future options study committee. If the Town Council concurs with the five towns selected, the ballot can be sent back.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO SET A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2009 AT 7:30P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND TO SET THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF NEWLY ELECTED TOWN COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2009 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS”** seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that the Town Clerk has spend time preparing for the transition of the new Town Council.

Dolores Sassano, Town Clerk, said that the Town Council can meet at 7:30 p.m. and clean up the books and then at 8:00 p.m. have a formal ceremony to hand over the gavel to the new Mayor.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

BIDS

Deputy Mayor Montinieri moved **“TO AWARD THE QUARRY AND BITUMINOUS MATERIALS BID BY ITEM TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS, TILCON CT, H HOLDEN TRUCKING, WETHERSFIELD CONSTRUCTION, DISIATO, AND LJH TRUCKING FOR A TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT OF \$10,000”** seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that this is for sand, gravel, cold patch, and tar materials for the roads.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri asked how Town staff determines which bidder is used.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that it is based on availability and price.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO AUTHORIZE A BID WAIVER FOR THE GAS CANOPY PROJECT AT THE TOWN GARAGE AND TO AWARD THE BID TO WILDCO INCORPORATED, NOT TO EXCEED \$35,515, AND TO AUTHORIZE A BUDGET TRANSFER FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET GAS CANOPY PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,515”** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, said that this capital project has been in several budgets. He hoped that the price would go down with the economy but most of the cost is in product, not labor. This has gone through two rounds of bidding. Town staff will do some of the installation work.

Councilor Kotkin said that it is a matter of safety for Town employees gassing up their vehicles. It is also an environmental issue.

Councilor Walsh said that it is a safety issue and he is glad to see it being done.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri said that he would like to get a cost estimate for the town staff time and labor.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilor Console voted NAY. The motion passed 7-1-0.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

none

MINUTES

Councilor Forrest moved **“TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2009 AS AMENDED”** seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Dolores Sassano, Town Clerk, said that on page 11, the second to the motion to add item B.5.A. should be Councilor Console.

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Councilor Kotkin said that on page 19 Councilor Console's motion was to increase the Town Clerks' salary from \$60,000 to \$62,000 retroactively to July 1, 2009 and to align the benefits, striking out to consider.

Councilor Forrest said that on page 9, CCAP should be CCAT and two dams should read town dams.

Councilor Cascio asked that Margaret Coonnelly's address is wrong on page 8.

Councilor Roberst said that on page 5, Mr Knapp's comment should read speaking on behalf..

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilor Roberts abstained. The motion passed 7-0-1.

Chairperson Adil wished all the candidates good luck in the upcoming election.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m., Deputy Mayor Montinieri moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Kotkin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk